



ATTORNEYS AT LAW



Robert Greene Sterne
Edward J. Kessler
Jorge A. Goldstein
David K.S. Cornwell
Robert W. Esmond
Tracy-Gen G. Durkin
Michele A. Cimbala
Michael B. Ray
Robert E. Sokohl
Eric K. Steffe
Michael Q. Lee
Steven R. Ludwig
John M. Covert
Linda E. Alcorn
Robert C. Millonig
Lawrence B. Bugaiksy
Donald J. Featherstone
Michael V. Messinger

Judith U. Kim
Timothy J. Shea, Jr.
Patrick E. Garrett
Jeffrey T. Helvey
Heidi L. Kraus
Albert L. Ferro*
Donald R. Banowitz
Peter A. Jackman
Teresa U. Medler
Jeffrey S. Weaver
Kendrick P. Patterson
Vincent L. Capuano
Eldora Ellison Floyd
Thomas C. Fiala
Brian J. Del Buono
Virgil Lee Beaston
Theodore A. Wood
Elizabeth J. Haanes

Joseph S. Ostroff
Frank R. Cottingham
Christine M. Lhuilier
Rae Lynn P. Guest
George S. Bardmessner
Daniel A. Klein*
Jason D. Eisenberg
Michael D. Specht
Andrea J. Kamage
Tracy L. Muller*
LuAnne M. DeSantis
Ann E. Summerfield
Aric W. Ledford*
Helene C. Carlson
Timothy A. Doyle*
Gaby L. Longsworth
Lori A. Gordon*
Nicole D. Dretar*

Ted J. Ebersole
Jyoti C. Iyer*
Laura A. Vogel
Registered Patent Agents*
Karen R. Markowitz
Nancy J. Leith
Matthew J. Dowd
Aaron L. Schwartz
Katrina Uyjian Pei Quach
Bryan L. Skelton
Robert A. Schwartzman
Teresa A. Colilia
Jeffrey S. Lundgren
Victoria S. Rutherford
Michelle K. Holoubek
Robert H. DeSelms
Simon J. Elliott

Julie A. Heider
Mita Mukherjee
Scott M. Woodhouse
Michael G. Penn
Christopher J. Walsh

Of Counsel
Kenneth C. Bass III
Evan R. Smith
Marvin C. Guthrie

* Admitted only in Maryland
• Admitted only in Virginia
• Practice Limited to
Federal Agencies

December 20, 2004

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:
(202) 772-8615

INTERNET ADDRESS:
FRANKC@SKGF.COM

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/500,991; Filed: February 15, 2000
For: **Compounds Modulating Sister Chromatid Separation and Method for Identifying Same**
Inventors: Uhlmann *et al.*
Our Ref: 0652.2040000/EKS/FRC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
4. Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of **\$450.00** to cover the extension of time fee; and
5. Return postcard.

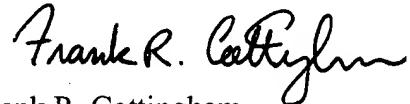
It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Commissioner for Patents
December 20, 2004
Page 2

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Frank R. Cottingham
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 50,437

FRC/pcd
Encls.

342279v1